

money or contribute to the Federal deficit. In fact, according to a recent economic analysis, every dollar invested in the conservation of public lands through the LWCF leads to \$4 in economic activity to local communities.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the permanent reauthorization of the LWCF, ensuring that it remains one of our Nation's most successful conservation tools.

BRINGING HEALTH CARE INTO THE 21ST CENTURY

(Mr. PAULSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, it is time to personalize and modernize our healthcare system and bring it into the 21st century.

We have an opportunity through the 21st Century Cures Act to pass bipartisan reforms that will accelerate the discovery, development, deployment, and delivery of lifesaving and life-improving techniques and cures.

The 21st Century Cures Act is the result of bipartisan work to ensure that our regulatory system keeps pace with the advances we are seeing in our science and technology fields. 21st Century Cures will make a difference in people's lives.

For the 10,000 known diseases, there are only 500 FDA-approved treatments. By removing barriers to research and development, by modernizing clinical trials, and by incorporating more patient perspectives, we can more effectively develop treatments and cures to fight cancer, Alzheimer's, and other diseases that affect millions of Americans.

Mr. Speaker, in the coming weeks, we will have the opportunity to help bring the newest, cutting-edge medical technology to the people who need it the most.

REAUTHORIZE THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

(Mrs. LAWRENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Mr. Speaker, I am standing here today because the clock is ticking. Today is the last legislative day to prevent the shutdown of the Export-Import Bank and avoid disaster for our economy.

I have in my hand, sir, a letter regarding dozens of businesses in my district, the 14th District of Michigan, that rely on the Ex-Im Bank. It is clear the dire consequences if Congress does not act.

In 7 years, Ex-Im has supported \$93 million in exports and nearly 600 jobs just in my district. This year alone, more than half a million dollars has been financed for businesses in the 14th District. All of this was done at no cost to our taxpayers.

To reduce the deficit, to create more jobs, to remain globally competitive, we must reauthorize the Ex-Im Bank.

ELSON FLOYD

(Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and in memory of Washington State University president, Dr. Elson Floyd, who passed away on June 20, after a courageous battle against cancer.

Dr. Floyd was a giant for eastern Washington. He embodied the values we seek in our leaders. He was visionary. He was kindhearted. He was a fearless and passionate advocate for higher education, our region, and our State. He had the gift of making our dreams seem possible and of turning our aspirations into a reality.

It has been my privilege to know him and call him friend. During this difficult time, my prayers continue to be with his wife, his children, and the whole WSU family. Together, Washingtonians are inspired and will carry on his legacy.

Thank you, Dr. Floyd, for your tireless work. Rest in peace.

REAUTHORIZE THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

(Mr. CARNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my many colleagues in highlighting the urgency of reauthorizing the Export-Import Bank.

On Monday, I visited a steel company in New Castle, Delaware, called V&S Delaware Galvanizing. This small business employs 60 hard-working Delawareans. Their jobs depend on the financing provided by the Export-Import Bank. The failure to authorize the Bank would be a failure to support and protect these and many other jobs in Delaware.

If we are serious about making things here in America, if we are serious about providing good middle class jobs to people who need them, if we are serious about creating an economy that is built to last, we will reauthorize the Export-Import Bank before it expires next week.

The Ex-Im Bank creates jobs across the country. It sustains those jobs, and it also reduces the deficit. Last year alone, the Bank returned \$700 million to the United States Treasury, and it supports 160,000 U.S. jobs.

This shouldn't be a partisan issue, and it never has been in the past. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to come together and take action today to ensure that the Export-Import Bank can continue to grow our economy and create jobs across our country.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH IRAN

(Mr. GIBBS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GIBBS. Mr. Speaker, in less than a week, the deadline for the administration's negotiations with Iran will pass. Many people, including myself, have serious concerns about the status and the outcome of these negotiations.

Iran's nuclear ambitions are a threat to the Middle East, especially to our closest ally, Israel. I remain skeptical of Iran's commitment to disarmament and transparency.

I believe there are five key issues that must be addressed for this to be a good deal for America and Israel.

One, unrestricted access to inspection locations on short notice—inspectors must be given complete access at any time and at any place for verification inspections.

Two, Iran must disclose the entirety of its previous activities and efforts towards a nuclear weapon.

Three, sanctions must remain in place until Iran complies and proves its compliance, and we must show commitment to a robust response to any violation.

Four, any deal must be long term, and it must not include the development of and access to nuclear weapons.

Finally, any negotiations must include provisions that require Iran to dismantle its program completely with no path to a weapon in the future.

I believe that only if these conditions are met should Congress and the American people even consider a deal with Iran.

SUPPORTING MARRIAGE EQUALITY

(Mr. KILMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues today in supporting equality and dignity for every American regardless of whom one loves.

Very soon, the Supreme Court will make an historic decision about the rights of LGBT couples and families, and it is my hope they will respect that each of us deserves as an American citizen the ability to have a family and to love whom one loves.

The economic downturn illustrated how important it is for all families to access the protections of civil marriage so they can live with more certainty and dignity even in challenging times.

No matter what the Court decides, we will keep pushing so people in loving, committed relationships throughout this Nation can say two simple words with extraordinary meaning: "I do." We will keep fighting to ensure that people don't face discrimination based on whom they love.

Let me close with the words of President Kennedy, who said: "In giving rights to others which belong to them, we give rights to ourselves and to our country."